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NEWS SUMMARY:

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced today, that District Judge William C. Griesbach sentenced Jeffrey J. Magnus (DOB: 9/15/53), formerly of Kohler, Wisconsin, to two (2) years of probation for flying an aircraft without a pilot's certificate, in violation of 49 U.S.C. § 46306(b)(7). Judge Griesbach also ordered that Magnus pay a fine of \$2,000.

In January 2004, a grand jury indicted Magnus on five (5) counts of flying without a license and one (1) count of making materially false statements to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The indictment alleged that although the FAA had revoked Magnus's Airman Medical & Student Pilot Certificate in 1990, Magnus operated aircraft on at least five (5) occasions in 2003. The indictment also alleged that when applying for an Airman Medical Certificate in April 2003, Magnus made false statements regarding whether he held a pilot's certificate, whether his Airman Medical Certificate had been revoked, and whether his driving privileges ever had been suspended. In June 2004, Magnus entered a guilty plea to one count of operating an aircraft without a valid pilot's certificate, a felony under federal law.

This case was investigated by the Office of the Inspector General of the United States Department of Transportation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Richard G. Frohling.

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